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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SHAH ON MOSCOW TALKS

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1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SHAH FROM ME.

"YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY: I MET LAST WEEK WITH BREZHNEV  
AND GROMYKO IN MOSCOW, AND I WANTED TO PASS ALONG TO YOU  
SOME BRIEF OBSERVATIONS ABOUT MY TALKS THERE.

"GROMYKO AND I TURNED TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE LAST DAY  
OF THE VISIT, BUT, AS WE HAD ANTICIPATED, DID NOT BREAK  
ANY NEW GROUND. WE AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING  
FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK  
AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE, AND  
THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE MIDDLE EAST COULD  
NOT BE MAINTAINED INDEFINITELY. I STRESSED TO GROMYKO THE  
COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT

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TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT AT THE RIGHT TIME. WHILE WE ALSO

AGREED THAT A WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO REASSEMBLE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, GROMYKO HELD TO THE SOVIET POSITION THAT THE PLO WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENT WHETHER THE CONFERENCE WERE RECONVENED FORMALLY OR FOR AN INFORMAL PREPARATORY SESSION. I TOLD GROMYKO THAT, AS HE KNEW, THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US AT THIS MOMENT, AND THAT WE HAD INTENDED THE IDEA OF A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE AS A WAY AROUND THIS PROBLEM. MY DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW THUS DID NOT REPRESENT A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH OUT OF OUR PRESENT SITUATION--BUT I HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED MOSCOW THE RIGHT VENUE FOR THIS. I WANT YOU TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR PROGRESS AND DETERMINED TO PROMOTE IT.

"WITH RESPECT TO SALT, BREZHNEV MADE SOME QUITE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS DURING THE MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS. THERE OF COURSE REMAIN POINTS TO BE WORKED OUT AND WE DO NOT WANT TO SHOW ANY SPECIAL EAGERNESS. I THEREFORE LEFT IT WITH BREZHNEV THAT WE WILL STUDY THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND PROVIDE OUR CONSIDERATIONS IN A FEW WEEKS.

"THE TALKS ABOUT ANGOLA, AT LEAST ON THE FACE OF IT, WERE LESS SATISFACTORY. THE SOVIETS PRESUMABLY SEE THINGS MOVING THEIR WAY ON THE GROUND. I BLUNTLY WARNED THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE RISKS OF THEIR AND CUBAN ACTIONS SINCE WHATEVER HAPPENS IN ANGOLA ITSELF, THERE WILL BE A REACTION FROM US. WE SHALL HAVE TO SEE WHAT THE EFFECT WILL BE ON SOVIET POLICY OF MY DISCUSSIONS AND WILL WANT TO ASSESS THE VISIT DURING THE PAST WEEK OF THE SO-CALLED ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO MOSCOW WHICH APPARENTLY ENDED PREMATURELY.

"YOUR MAJESTY, IN CONCLUSION LET ME SAY ONCE AGAIN HOW MUCH I VALUE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE KEY ISSUES WHICH ARE OF GREAT MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN.

SINCERELY, HENRY  
A. KISSINGER." KISSINGER

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